Cost of atchkat of Suvarnavathy Project in Chamarajanagar Taluk

652. Sri S. PUTTASWAMY (Chamarajanagar).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the estimated cost of the direct atchkat, and the indirect atchkat of Suvarnavathy Project in Chamarajanagar Taluk ;

(*b*) the depth of the foundation of the spill-way masonry dam of the project as incorporated in the estimate ;

(*c*) whether there is any proposal before Government for revising the estimate ;

(*d*) whether the contractor is allowed to go below the estimated depth of the spill-way foundation to get favourable rate even though the depth or the foundation contemplated in the estimate is sufficient to to take the load of the spill-way masonry ;

(*e*) whether the quarry both for earth and size stone and jelly is fixed and incorporated in the tender schedule :

(*f*) whether the tender schedule contains a provision to utilise the excavated stuff particularly rock of any kind for the masonry revetment, rock toe, and jelly drains ;

(*g*) whether the consolidation of the earthen bund is not being done according to specification and fixed standard ?

Sri D. PARAMESWARAPPA (Deputy Minister for Major Irrigation and Electricity) [On behalf of SRI VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister)].—

(*a*) Estimated cost Rs. 187 lakhs.
Direct Atchkat 7,000 acres.
Indirect atchkat 9,694 acres.

(*b*) 11 feet below the lowest river bed level.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) No. Only useful materials obtained from excavation are to be used.

(*g*) No. Consolidation is being done as per specifications.

Sri S. PUTTASWAMY.—Sir, in answer (*b*) it has been stated as 11 feet below the lowest bed level ; will the Government agree with me if I say that this answer is misleading, based on misrepresentation and misinterpretation of the lowest level of the river bed ?

Sri D. PARAMESWARAPPA.—What is in his mind, I am not able to understand. Let him clarify.

Sri S. PUTTASWAMY.—Will the Government agree with me if I say that the 11 feet in the estimate is from the surface level of the river bed.

Sri D. PARAMESWARAPPA.—Not from the surface level, Sir. It is from the lowest river bed level.

Sri S. PUTTASWAMY.—Will the Government agree with me if I say that the contractor is using not only useful material, he is also using soft rock and excavated material? And if it is brought to the notice of the Government will they take action by enquiring into it?

Sri D. PARAMESWARAPPA.—I do not agree with this view, Sir. The Executive Engineer who is placed in charge of the execution of the project, will approve the material and whatever he approves, the contractors are permitted to use and they cannot use all sorts of materials.

1-30 P.M.

Sri S. PUTTASWAMY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that consolidation of earthen bund is not done in accordance with the specification? They are not putting sufficient water and the consolidation is not according to density that is required.

Sri D. PARAMESWARAPPA.—Consolidation is done according to specifications and standards. There is a field laboratory which tests the quality of the consolidation. There is quality control.

Damage caused by Fire Accident in some Villages of Sorab and Shikaripur Taluks

715. Sri S. BANGARAPPA (Sorab).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government is aware that on account of the fire-accidents, about 40 houses in Kaisodi village, 15 houses in Kelagundli village, 20 houses in Makoppa village in Sorab Taluk and 30 houses in Malur village in Shikaripur taluk were burnt within a period of about one year past ;

(*b*) the total deaths caused of men and animals of each village ;

(*c*) the total estimated loss in each village ;

(*d*) the help Government has rendered to them ;

(*e*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that under the existing rules much help by way of money and materials cannot be given to them ;

(*f*) if so, the action Government proposes to take in the matter ?